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Bierut was in Moscow prior to Beria's arrest and Beria instructed the Poles to keep the case of Bishop Kaczmarek in suspension and not to conduct a public trial. Beria wanted Kaczmarek released from jail pending further developments. Beria was also of the opinion that the Spychalski trial should also be delayed but that Spychalski was to be kept in prison. Bierut was called to Moscow approximately three to four days before the publication of the information that Beria was under arrest. [REDACTED] not know whom Bierut contacted at that time. Bierut returned to Moscow after the arrest of Beria and at this time Malenkov and other Soviet officials told Bierut that Beria's plans concerning Polish trials were not realistic. Bierut received instructions that the trial of Bishop Kaczmarek should be conducted as soon as possible and that preparations should be made for the trial of Spychalski.

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